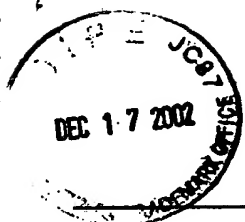


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Invention "Method of Inspecting Holes Using Charged-Particle Beam"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

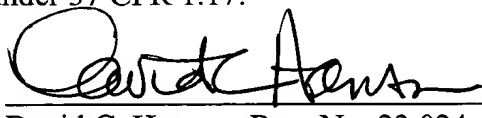
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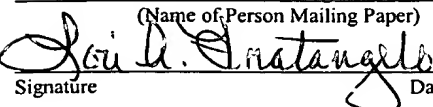
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the previous versions of claims 1 and 3 and rewrite them as follows. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following are clean copies of the amended claims. Marked-up versions of 1 and 3 are attached as a separate sheet.

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